

**January 29, 2007**

## **The Calvin Ball Bulletin**

Great news!! We have over 100 recipients of our monthly e-Newsletter!

I would like to thank those who have contributed feedback, as well as news and events for inclusion of our bulletin.

Remember...This newsletter is to keep you and your neighbors informed of the current news and happenings in our community.

For more District 2 News go to our website at:  
[www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC\\_DistrictTwo.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_DistrictTwo.htm)

Your input matters! That's why we are asking our e-Newsletter recipients to help us name our monthly newsletter. You may email your suggestions to my Special Assistant, Melania Pender at [mpender@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mpender@howardcountymd.gov)  
**The deadline for entries is February 20, 2007.**

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The link below will navigate you to a list of meetings open to the public. If you have specific questions please call the contact number listed for that meeting.

[http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG\\_Portal\\_PublicMeetings.htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_PublicMeetings.htm)

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### **2007 Teen Job and Volunteer Fair, March 3rd**

The 2007 Teen Job and Volunteer Fair will be held on Saturday March 3, at Wilde Lake High School from 10 am – 2pm. The job fair is sponsored by Howard County Drug Free and will offer Howard County high school teens a wide variety of paid job and volunteer internship opportunities for summer and beyond. The Fair is free and open to all Howard County high school and college students. For more information go on-line at [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org).

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## **County Seeks Nominations for Excellence in Programs for Young Children**

Do you know any people or programs that make a positive impact on the lives of young children? If so, you are invited to nominate them for recognition at the eighth annual “Celebrating Successes for Children” ceremony hosted by County Executive Ken Ulman and the Howard County Office of Children’s Services. The ceremony salutes mentors, child care providers, Scout leaders, coaches, human service workers, volunteers, businesses, school or camp programs, in the categories of Infants and Toddlers (0-2 years), Pre-school (2-5 years), Kindergarten through 5th Graders, 6th through 12th Graders and Mixed Age Group. Nominations are due by Friday, March 23, 2007.

Nomination forms are available and can be submitted online at [www.howardcountymd.gov/children](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/children) . You can also call the Office of Children’s Services at 410-313-1940 and ask to have a form mailed to you. Completed nomination forms can be faxed to (410)313-1430 or mailed to the Howard County Office of Children’s Services, 3300 N. Ridge Road, Suite 380, Ellicott City, MD 21043. All forms must be received or postmarked by Friday, March 23. Nominees will be recognized during the Month of the Young Child at the county’s annual “Celebrating Successes for Children” ceremony on Tuesday, April 24.

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## **CA Offers Scholarships for Community Service Efforts**

The Spirit of Columbia Scholarship Award is awarded each year to Columbia high school seniors who have shown extraordinary dedication to performing community service. Up to six \$2,500 scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors who live on CA-assessed property or have a parent working full time on CA-assessed property, have a minimum of a "C" average, and have a demonstrated history of voluntary service to the Columbia community.

Applications are available at local high schools, Columbia's community centers and the Columbia Association headquarters or can be downloaded at [www.columbiaassociation.com](http://www.columbiaassociation.com) on the "For Teens & Tots" page. Applicants must submit a completed application by March 1. For more information call 410-715-3175.

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## **Ham Radio Class- Be Prepared In Case of an Emergency!**

The Department of Fire & Rescue, Office of Emergency Management is hosting an amateur radio class on **Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM each day**. The class will be held in room **401 of the Gateway Building located at 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive**. Testing for your Technician Level license will be on **Saturday, February 17th in Laurel**. There is no cost for either the class or the testing.

Amateur radio plays a role in the County's overall preparedness plan, as well as your own. One of the groups that comes from licensed amateur radio operators is RACES. RACES stands for RADIO AMATEUR CIVIL EMERGENCY SERVICE. We are in the process of revamping our County RACES program. RACES provides a level of back-up radio communications during times of emergencies. To register for the class or any questions, send an email to the Howard County RACES officer Dave Prestel, at: [DavePrestel@verizon.net](mailto:DavePrestel@verizon.net)

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## **Applications Sought For Howard County Economic Development Authority Scholarship**

The Howard County Economic Development Authority's Committee for Business and Economic Diversity is accepting applications for the \$1,000 Earl H. Saunders Entrepreneurial Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes a graduating senior who is a member of a minority group, a woman, and/or disabled and who has demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit by starting a small business, assisting an existing business or developing an invention targeted toward business.

Applications must be received by March 9th.

For more information, please call 410-313-6550.

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## **Sign Up For the “Greenovation”: Green Home Renovations**

On **Friday, February 24** the Green Building Institute is sponsoring an introductory class on **Green Home Renovations**. By learning about the green renovation principles and through 4 pre-selected Case Studies, ‘Intro to Green Home Renovations’ participants will understand the steps necessary to planning a successful green renovation project.

### Topics to be covered:

- What are the differences between Green vs. conventional renovations?
- What is Integrated Design?
- How can I use Integrated Design in my renovation?
- How do I approach doing a green renovation?
- How will an energy audit improve my design?
- How do I incorporate passive solar?
- What kind of materials should I use?
- What are some of the challenges in green renovations?

The seminar will be held at the Green Building Institute in The Enviro-Center at 7761 Waterloo Road) (Rte. 175), Jessup, Maryland 20794. Registration check-in is from 6:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. The seminar modules will begin at 7:00 p.m. For more information and registration please visit [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org) or you may call the institute at 443-733-1234.

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## **Lunch and Recess Monitor Needed at Stevens Forest Elementary School**

Stevens Forest Elementary School has a vacancy for a lunch and recess monitor. The hours and schedule of the position are very flexible in nature. Lunch and recess monitors only work days that school is in session for children. Also, the hours are between 11:15 – 2:00 pm. The pay is \$8.70 per hour. If interested in the position full time (every school day) or would like to serve as a lunch and recess monitor substitute (work as needed), please contact Mrs. Thompson or Mr. Morris at 410-313-6900. Training will be provided.

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## **Lecture on Importance of Exposing Children to the Natural World**

The Howard County Conservancy is the county's largest land trust and only nature center and provides numerous educational programs for children and adults at its Gudelsky Environmental Education Center. On **Wednesday, February 7**, the Conservancy has invited Richard Louv, author of, *Last Child in the Woods*, to talk about how the healthy development of today's children is hampered by limited exposure to nature.

When: Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.  
Where: Centennial High School  
4300 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City, 21042  
Cost: \$10.00 per ticket.

Children's activity during the lecture \$5 per child.

To register call the Howard County Conservancy at 410-465-8877 or complete the Online Registration Form and mail it to the Conservancy along with your check.

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## **Build Your Leadership Skills and Make a Difference in Your Community**

Attention parents! Is your child is currently a high school sophomore who wants to make a difference in the community? Leadership U is an exciting leadership development, teambuilding and community service opportunity for high school students. This four

month program includes a full week of hands-on learning and interactive activities and completion of a team community service project from Sunday July 29 thru August 3, 2007.

On “Shadow Day”, students will have a unique opportunity to spend an entire day with a business or community leader to observe leadership in action and obtain first hand knowledge on how businesses and organizations function.

Qualifications:

You must be a High School Sophomore and live in Howard County

Leadership U is looking for:

- Leadership potential
- Concern for your community

Cost:

\$450 Tuition

\*(Financial Assistance is Available)\*

Information Sessions:

Come hear recent Leadership U graduates share their experiences at our information sessions to be held on Sunday, **Feb. 4, 2007** from 2:30-3:30 pm at the Glenwood Branch of the Howard County Library (2350 State Route 97, Glenwood) and Monday, **Feb. 12, 2007**, from 7:30-8:30 pm at East Columbia Branch of the Howard County Library (6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia). If either of these dates is cancelled due to inclement weather, a make-up session will be held at Leadership Howard County offices on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 from 2:30-3:30pm. Interested parents and high school sophomores are encouraged to attend.

Information and applications for Leadership U 2007 are now available on our website [www.leadershiphc.org](http://www.leadershiphc.org) or from the guidance office. The application deadline is March 9, 2007.

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## **Study Skills Course for Middle School and High School Students**

Registration is now open for the next Stressless Tests Middle School Study Skills Classes which will begin on Tuesday evening **February 6** at Burleigh Manor Middle School from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** and will continue on **February 13, 20, and 27**. High School Study Skills Classes will be held at Centennial High School Wednesday evenings **February 7, 14, 21 and 28** from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Visit the web site for the March dates.

The fee for either class is \$165 and includes the Study for Success DVD by Betty Caldwell. Class size is limited to 15. To register for either class go to [www.Stresslesstests.org](http://www.Stresslesstests.org) , contact Betty Caldwell at 410 740-4659 or at [Bcaldwell@comcast.net](mailto:Bcaldwell@comcast.net) .

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## **Delta Sigma Theta Home Ownership Expo!**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in partnership with the Chase Home Finance and Genworth Financial, has developed a national program to increase homeownership in the African-American community, entitled *The Delta Challenge: DST Homeownership Initiative*.

As part of the sorority's Homeownership Initiative, the Maryland and D.C. chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. invite all to attend the first of six area **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Homebuyer Expos**. The first Expo will be held **at Morgan State University's Student Center on Saturday, February 3, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

The Expo will offer workshops, seminars, and vendor exhibit area staffed by professionals in the real estate, finance, and business communities. Closing cost grants, incentives, and other assistance is available to Expos participants through our partners, Chase Home Finance and Genworth Financial.